

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer server connected to a plurality of electronic devices via a wireless communication link, a method of commanding said electronic devices to gather geographically distributed data comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(A) selecting a said electronic device;

(B) commanding said selected electronic device to capture geographically distributed data and wherein said geographically distributed data is automatically captured by said selected electronic device in response to said commanding;

(C) receiving said automatically captured geographically distributed data;  
and

(D) storing said received geographically distributed data.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as described in Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(E) verifying the identity of selected electronic device.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as described in Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of :~~

(F) crediting value to an account corresponding to said selected electronic device.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as described in Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(G) requesting current location of said selected electronic device;

(H) receiving said requested current location from said selected electronic device;

(I) skipping further communication with said selected electronic device if said received current location is not within a predetermined geographic area.

5. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device connected to a wireless communication link, a method of collecting geographically distributed data comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(A) receiving a command to capture said geographically distributed data;

(B) automatically capturing said geographically distributed data; and

(C) transmitting said automatically captured geographically distributed data;

6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as described in Claim 5, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(D) sending a verifiable identity of said electronic device.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as described in Claim 5 wherein said transmitted geographically distributed data is encrypted.

8-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) In a portable ~~[[an]]~~ electronic device connected to a wireless communication link, said portable electronic device corresponding to a user, a method for said portable electronic device ~~devices~~ to supply ~~supplying~~ geographically distributed data comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- (A) receiving a command from said user to automatically capture data;
- (B) automatically capturing said data;
- (C) transmitting said automatically captured data; and
- (D) sending a verifiable identity of said portable electronic device.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as described in Claim 24 wherein said portable electronic device is a hand held ~~palm-sized~~ computer system.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as described in Claim 24 wherein said portable electronic device is a wireless telephone.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as described in Claim 24 wherein said transmitted data is encrypted.

28. (Currently Amended) In a portable ~~an~~ electronic device connected to a wireless communication link, said portable electronic device corresponding to a user, a method for said portable electronic device to gather geographically distributed data comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(A) receiving a command from said user to enable said gathering of data automatically;

(B) if said enabling is done, determining a plurality of times to start automatically capturing data;

(C) if said enabling is done, automatically capturing said data at each said start time, said automatically capturing being done without intervention from the user;

(D) if said enabling is done, automatically transmitting said captured data; and

(E) if said enabling is done, sending a verifiable identity of said portable electronic device.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as described in Claim 28 wherein said portable electronic device is a hand held ~~palm-sized~~ computer system.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as described in Claim 28 wherein said portable electronic device is a wireless telephone.

31. (New) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising:

generating a command to said electronic device to identify at least one data category that said electronic device is capable of monitoring.

32. (New) The method as described in Claim 5 further comprising:

receiving a command to identify at least one data category that said electronic device is capable of monitoring.